blasting especially in precision blasting, high altitude, low temperature and under water applications.

Growth Centres in Andhra Pradesh

2910. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of four Growth Centres approved at Hindupur, Khammam, Ongole and Vizianagaram in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether aH of them have been developed and become functional;

(c) if not, the details of Growth Centres which have not been developed so far and the reasons therefor; and

(d) by when these Growth Centres will become functional?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN SINGH): (a) to (d) Out of the four Growth Centres approved in Andhra Pradesh, two Growth Centres at Hindupur and Ongole have become functional, as allotment of industrial plots has commenced there. Land has been acquired in the Bobbili Growth Centre and development work is in progress. Government of Andhra Pradesh had proposed for shifting the fourth Growth Centre at Vemsoor from Khammam District to Mahboobnagar District in the State. Government of India has approved, in principle, their proposal for change of location and has asked the State Government to submit detailed proposal. The proposal is awaited.

Modernization of intellectual property administration

2911. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a massive project to modernize intellectual property administration in India involving patents, designs, trademarks and geographical indications is under implementation;

(b) if so, whether there is a need to deliberate on demystifying